

ELIMINATION OF MONTHLY REPORT OF NUMBER OF  
MEN IN TRAINING AND SERVICE

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Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted  
the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 2437]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2437) to amend section 9 of the act of August 18, 1941 (Public Law 213, 77th Cong.), by striking out the proviso thereto which requires a monthly report by the Secretary of War to the Congress of the number of men in active training and service, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with recommendation that it do pass.

Your committee believe that every means should be taken to prevent the disclosure of military information affecting the national security and defense of the country. There is a possibility that military information may be disclosed by the rendition of the report directed in section 9, Public Law 213, Seventy-seventh Congress. The committee therefore recommend that so much of the law as directs that the report be rendered each month be stricken therefrom as proposed in S. 2437.

War Department report follows:

MARCH 27, 1942.

Hon. ROBERT R. REYNOLDS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR REYNOLDS: There is enclosed herewith draft of a bill to amend section 9 of the act of August 18, 1941 (Public Law 213, 77th Cong.), by striking out the proviso thereto which requires a monthly report by the Secretary of War to the Congress of the number of men in active training and service, which the War Department recommends be enacted into law.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to prevent the disclosure of military information.

Under existing provisions of section 9 of the act of August 18, 1941 (Public Law 213, 77th Cong.), the Secretary of War is required to report to the Congress each month the number of men in active training and service in the land forces

under section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. It is considered by the War Department, however, that the obvious necessity during the course of the present war for restricting disclosure of information affecting the national security and defense makes the rendering of such reports inadvisable.

Enactment of the legislation will not result in the expenditure of Government funds.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this proposed legislation for the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON,  
*Secretary of War.*

Extracts from Public, 213:

SEC. 2. The President is hereby authorized, subject, however, to the condition hereinafter stated, to extend, for such periods of time as may be necessary in the interests of national defense, the periods of service, training and service, enlistment, appointment, or commission, of any or all persons inducted for training and service under said Act, members and units of the reserve components of the Army of the United States (including the National Guard of the United States), retired personnel and enlisted men of the Regular Army, and any other members of the Army, who are now, or who may hereafter be, in or subject to active military service, or training and service: *Provided*, That extension of the periods of active military service, or training and service, in the case of any person subject to the provisions of this section, shall not, without his consent, exceed eighteen months in the aggregate; except that whenever the Congress declares that it is in the interests of national defense to further extend such periods of active military service and training and service, such periods may be further extended by the President, in the case of any such persons, for such time as may be necessary in the interests of national defense: *Provided further*, That the authority hereby conferred is subject to the condition that the delegation of such authority may be revoked at any time by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

SEC. 9. During the existence of the authority conferred by section 2 of this joint resolution and for six months thereafter the limitation on the number of men who may be in active training and service at any one time under section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 is hereby suspended: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War shall report to the Congress each month the number of men in active training and service in the land forces under section 3 (b) of said Act.